

Town of Rowe - FY 2015
Board of Selectmen – Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014 - 3:00 pm
Rowe Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 3:00 pm.

Present: Chair Wilson and Vice-Chair Susan Gleason, Administrative Clerk Janice Boudreau. Selectman Walt Quist was not present for the meeting.

Audience: Jodi Brown, Rosie Gordon, Betty Lenth

Minutes: **Motion to Accept the Minutes of September 5, 2014:** Following review, Chair Wilson made a motion to accept the Minutes of Select Board Meeting of August 13, 2014 with corrections. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was accepted. (2/0/1)

New Business

1. Representative for Long Range Planning for Mohawk District: Joe Judd, Shelburne Falls: Joe Judd made a request for Rowe to participate in the meetings about long range planning of the Mohawk School District and the 42 year agreement between towns. It was agreed that the Select Board would participate and Vice-Chair Gleason would contact Mr. Judd for details.
2. Appointments for Franklin Regional Planning Board (FRPB) and Greater FC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee: Following review, Chair Wilson agreed to continue to serve as FRPB Representative and would ask the Planning Board whether there was interest to serve on the CEDS Committee.
3. Service Zone Plan for Ambulance: Dana Johnson created an ambulance plan for the area and Chair Wilson had requested a copy to review and indicated Rowe should take a more proactive approach since emergency response times for Rowe recently have been excessively long.
4. Insurance for First Responders: Chair Wilson reported looking into insurance coverage for Individuals who serve as First Responders and are not Fireman. It was agreed to contact the Town Agent to review liability for this specific situation.
5. Sign Liquor License: Chair Wilson reviewed a Liquor License for a One Day Permit for September 19 and 20. Following discussion, Chair Wilson said the Application was incorrect, since it requested two days. It was decided to contact Town Clerk and the Applicant to have a two-day permit.
6. Sign Council on Aging: Council on Aging Chair Sandy Daviau provided a copy of the FY2014 Council on Aging Annual Report for review and signing.

Motion to Sign Council on Aging Annual Report: Following review Chair Wilson made a motion to accept and sign the FY2014 Council on Aging Annual Report. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason was accepted. (2/0/1)

7. Reserve Fund Transfer: Select Board Members reviewed a Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund for \$3,000.00 for costs associated with the training of two new Emergency Medical Technicians that was approved by the Finance Committee.

8. Cultural Council: Chair Wilson reported that Ellyn Packard agreed to serve on the Cultural Council Committee as long as there were no financial responsibilities. It was agreed to have Administrative Clerk assume the financial obligations and that Susan Wood and Kelle Quist agreed to serve as members of the Committee.

Motion to Appoint: Chair Wilson made a motion to appoint Ellyn Packard and Susan Wood to the Cultural Council. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was accepted. (2/0/1)

Old Business:

1. Gazebo Samples and Catalog Suncast: Chair Wilson provided catalogs and sample siding and shingles from Suncast Company as a potential Gazebo replacement.
2. Hoosac Tunnel Railway Bridge: Mark DeVlyder, Civil Engineer for MA DOT was to find out date of decommissioning of Tunnel Road and whether the right of way was addressed. Chair Wilson is working on finding a clear statement concerning who is responsible for the bridge. Mr. DeVlyder of MA DOT thought a structural Engineer should look at the bridge and perform an assessment and recommended Gil Engineers to do the work.

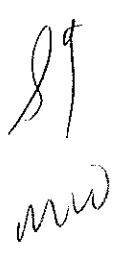
Motion to Hire Structural Assessment: Chair Wilson made a motion to hire Gil Engineering to perform a Structural Assessment following clarification from Town Council that the Town of Rowe is responsible for the safety issues regarding the Tunnel Road Bridge. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was accepted.
(2/0/1)

Audience:

- Betty Lenth asked about Ambulance coverage.
- Jodi Brown asked about the Rowe Fire Department's outreach program.
- Rosie Gordon asked about the benches on Town Common

Adjournment:

Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 4:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting and convene into Executive Session for **Purpose Number 3** and not to reconvene into Open Session. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was accepted.

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Chair Wilson made a motion to convene into Executive Session for Purpose Number 3:

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Chair Wilson: aye

Vice-Chair Gleason: aye

Selectman Quist: Not Present

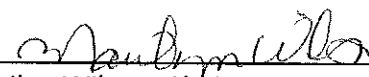
The motion to convene into Executive Session for Purpose Number 3 was accepted. (2/0/1)

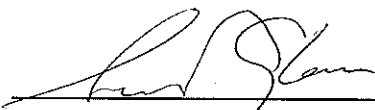
Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau

Approval Date: SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

Approved:


Marilyn Wilson, Chair


Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair

Walt Quist, Selectman

Attachments:

- Agenda 09/10/14
- 2014 Council on Aging Annual Report
- FRCOG – FRPB and CEDS Request Letter